Consultative Committee of my Ministry. Then there is another forum—the Telephone Advisory Committee, the Postal Advisory Committee—where M.Ps. are represented.... (*Interruptions*) Sir, dissolving really the Consultative Committee is not the proper way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not supposed to hear the interruptions. You are supposed to answer the question.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Sir, we think the present system of consultation with Members of Parliament by way of Consultative Committee, by way of this Informal Committee, by way of Telephone Advisory Committee and Postal Advisory Committee at the Circle level is sufficient and the only way to activise it is for the hon. Members to take more interest and attend them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Pending applications for grant of Trade Marks

*245. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for grant of trade marks pending till date; and which of the Trade Marks Registry Offices have the highest number of pending applications, indicating the number of applications pending with it;

(b) what is the number of applications pending with each of the Trade Marks Registry Office for more than two, three and four years and what are the reasons for their non-clearance; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government for expeditious processing and finalisation of the applications and for clearance of the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The total number of applications pending examination as on 30-6-1986 is 40862 All the applications filed at the Branch Offices are processed and examined centrally at the Head Office in Bombay. As examination is centralised, the question of pendency individual branch offices does not arise.

(b) The number of applications pending for more than two years but less than three years are 8456. The main reason for the backlog is the tremendous increase in the number of filing of applications.

(c) Every effort is made to speed up the examination of the Applications.

Dereservation in the small-scale sector

*246. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is considering a proposal for a selective de-reservation in the small-scale sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Reservation/de-reservation of items for manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuing process. The subject is dealt with in the Ministry of Industry. Government of India has appointed an Advisory Committee on Reservation under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act to make